



# Annual Report 2020

Helping, healing, homing since 1887

## A note from our Chair

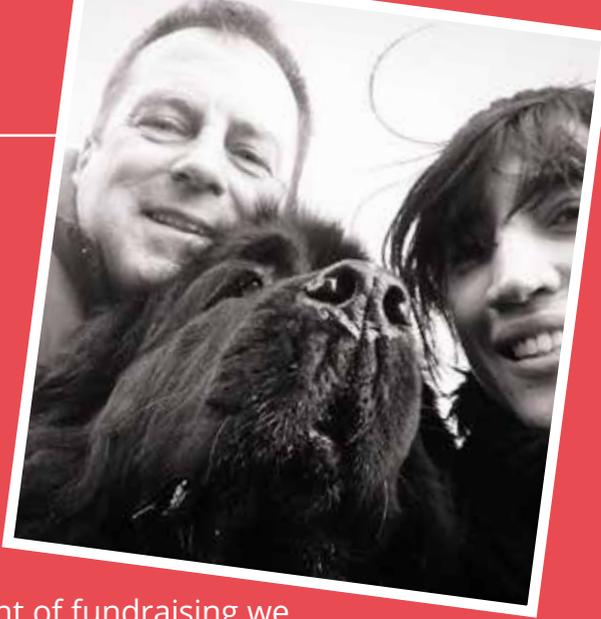
As with all other charities, the pandemic has had a huge impact on our charity. From putting an overnight halt on our rehoming services and outreach, to severely reducing the amount of fundraising we were able to do, and sadly closing our doors to our volunteers.

Our commitment to helping, healing and homing animals, however, remained unchanged. We continued to care for Bristol's vulnerable animals around the clock, and the far-reaching impact of the pandemic meant that many animals were in our care much longer than usual. We were listed as essential workers so that we could continue caring for the animals, and as rescue centre life slowed down, we were able to pause and review how we run the centre from a behaviour and welfare point of view.

Consistent routines, increased one-on-one time and a quieter site has had a significant impact on the animals in our care. Nervous animals have been able to come around faster, while older or injured animals have been able to rest more peacefully. It was so beneficial for the animals that the decision was made to remain as a closed site, with adoptions to be booked via an appointment system moving forwards.



**Steve Crossman, Chair of the Board**



We were overwhelmed with the support for our emergency appeal, and we raised over £70,000. These funds were vital to allow our centre to keep going without our usual planned activities, and we're hugely grateful to all our supporters for sticking with us in what was a tremendously tough year for us all.

Our sights are now set on the future. We're redeveloping our admin building ground floor and moving our reception team to this new great space, we've changed our out-of-hours service which means more time for the staff to spend onsite with the animals each evening; and we're looking forward to our events returning with a bang! We're also growing our Board of Trustees, with a view to developing the organisation to see us through what the future holds.

## Our impact

**We are committed to helping, healing and homing animals in need, and as the main Rescue Centre taking in stray animals across Bristol, we do everything we can to care for them, however long they're with us.**

Despite a challenging year of social distancing, we were still able to support nearly 3,300 animals out in the community through providing welfare advice sessions, virtual consultations, treatment and more.

Although we were only able to carry out school visits at the very beginning of the year, we were still able to reach

248 children and young people through talks and schools visits in January and February. Through these talks, we help them to understand the important issues around animal welfare and all about being responsible animal owners.

**We're looking forward to being able to offer these talks again when restrictions allow.**

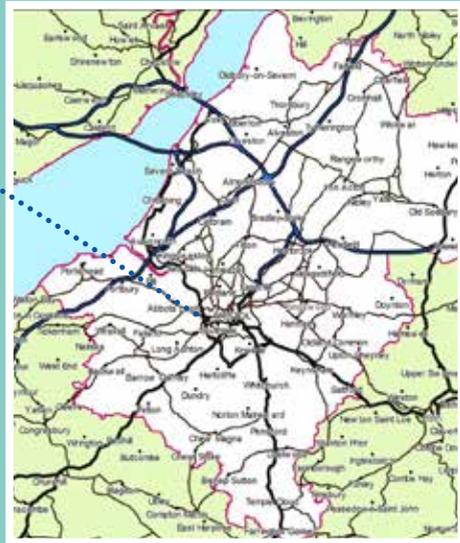
**610** animals taken in  
**222** animals rehomed  
**216** animals reunited with their families  
**414** welfare cases  
**1198** wildlife cases taken in and treated  
**646** strays treated in the clinic  
**294** animals neutered  
**207** animals microchipped



# We are Bristol A.R.C.

We have been caring for the city's pets and wildlife since 1887. Every year, we help, heal and home over 10,000 vulnerable animals. We are the oldest and largest local animal charity, and while we are proudly affiliated with the RSPCA, we are an independent local charity and receive no automatic funding from them. We rely hugely on local support to fund our vital work.

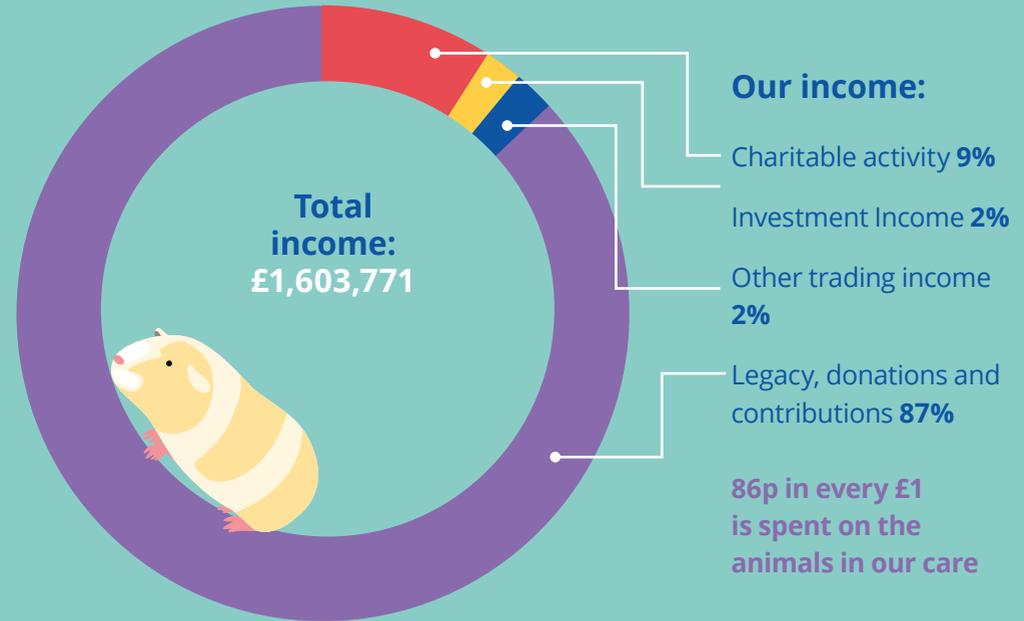
**We are here!**  
 Bristol Animal Rescue Centre,  
 48 - 50 Albert Road,  
 St Philips,  
 Bristol,  
 BS2 0XA



The area highlighted in white is our official Branch area, where we raise awareness and funds, although we often take in and rehome animals from further afield and work closely with RSPCA Branches (especially in the South West) to help find the best homes possible or the animals in our care.



# The financial year at a glance



## Huge thanks to our Corporate supporters and Grant and Trust funders for their support in 2020:

- ShareGift
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- Mace Group A303 Stonehenge Project Team
- Barnett Waddingham LLP
- Echo DMS
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- Ingenia Life Solutions
- Barton Hill Group
- Petplan Charitable Trust
- Gerrick Rose Animal Trust
- Animal Affairs Bristol
- The Walker 597 Animal Trust

# Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2020 total	2019 total
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	£20,944	£1,376,308	<b>£1,397,252</b>	£1,317,090
Charitable activities	£4,785	£130,966	<b>£135,751</b>	£289,401
Other trading activities		£34,746	<b>£34,746</b>	£136,102
Investments		£36,022	<b>£36,022</b>	£62,556
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£25,729</b>	<b>£1,578,042</b>	<b>£1,603,771</b>	<b>£1,805,149</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds		£254,723	<b>£254,723</b>	£436,677
Charitable activities	£11,439	£1,584,967	<b>£1,596,406</b>	£2,027,300
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£11,439</b>	<b>£1,839,690</b>	<b>£1,851,129</b>	<b>£2,463,977</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investments	-	£5,471	<b>£5,471</b>	£255,391
Net income / (expenditure)	£14,290	(£256,177)	<b>(£241,887)</b>	(£403,437)
Transfers between funds	(£7,770)	£7,770	-	-
Net movement in funds	£6,520	(£248,407)	<b>(£241,887)</b>	(£403,437)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	£9,641	£4,737,272	<b>£4,746,913</b>	£5,150,350
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>£16,161</b>	<b>£4,488,865</b>	<b>£4,505,026</b>	<b>£4,746,913</b>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 18 to the accounts.

All income and expenditure in the prior year was fully unrestricted.

# Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Fixed assets:</b>		
Tangible assets	<b>£2,348,469</b>	£2,432,855
Investments	<b>£1,661,946</b>	£1,671,054
	<b>£4,010,415</b>	£4,103,909
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Stock	<b>£54,154</b>	£59,751
Debtors	<b>£246,492</b>	£496,164
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>£306,138</b>	£199,999
	<b>£606,784</b>	£755,914
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	<b>(£112,173)</b>	(£112,910)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>£494,611</b>	£643,004
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£4,505,026</b>	£4,746,913
<b>Funds:</b>		
Restricted funds	<b>£16,161</b>	£9,641
Unrestricted funds		
Designated funds	<b>£3,648,469</b>	£4,103,909
General funds	<b>£840,396</b>	£633,363
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>£4,505,026</b>	£4,746,913

Approved by the trustees on 26th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by Steve Crossman - Chairman

# Donald's journey to a happy retirement

Donald is an elderly terrier who arrived into our care as a stray in January 2021. From the moment he arrived, it was clear that he was not in a good condition.

He walked with a limp, had crusted-over infected eyes and scabs all over his face, and had a growth the size of a mango on his chest. Some of his teeth were also rotting away. He was quickly given pain medication and antibiotics, and staff gently bathed his face in warm medicated water every day.

Once he was feeling a bit better, he was booked in to have a lengthy surgery to remove his lump. Thankfully it was successful, which was a huge weight off everyone's chest - especially Donald's!

Donald needed so much work however, that it could not all be done in one operation. After a few weeks of healing, Donald was booked in again to have some teeth extracted and to remove a growth in one of his eyes.

He is feeling so much better now and is quite a lively chap despite his age. *Before* We look forward to finding a loving home for Donald where he can enjoy his retirement and relax with his new family.

**This work simply couldn't happen without our supporters, who help to fund vital veterinary treatment that Donald benefited from. Thank you for giving Donald a second chance at his retirement years.**



*Before*

*After*



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